

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Greenbelt Organizes Bang-up July 4th Fireworks Celebration

The City of Greenbelt will hold special Independence Day commemorations for all ages on Friday, July 4 at Buddy Attick Lake Park. All are welcome to spend the day at the park with family and friends and enjoy the fireworks display, slated for dusk.

The display will begin at dark (about 9 p.m.) and last 20 to 30 minutes. Those planning to watch at the park are advised to come early to claim a viewing spot and enjoy a variety of free programs and activities during the afternoon and evening, including using the playground or walking around the park's 1.3-mile wooded trail.

### Drum Circle

There will be a drum circle for all ages at the bandstand from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. People are invited to bring a percussion instrument of their own or use one provided, to join in celebrating freedom and the interweaving of individual rhythms in this community drum circle. It will be facilitated again this year by Katy Gaughan, a certified drum

circle facilitator, a member of the Rhythm Workers Union, who also drums in the bands Firewheel and Djesben.

### Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band will take the bandstand from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a rousing performance of patriotic selections.

Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations and to cooperate with the Greenbelt Police Department, which will staff the events at the park. For everyone's safety, attendees may not bring fireworks (including sparklers) or alcohol into the park. All are asked to recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclables home with them.

Buddy Attick Park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. In case of inclement weather call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646 for schedule adjustments.

### Police Guidelines

The Greenbelt Police Depart-



### Bad Weather?

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**301-474-0646**

ment issues guidelines to ensure safety during the holiday celebration. A tent with Police Department employees will be set up in the grassy area by the main parking lot to provide first aid and to help with lost and missing children.

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## Council Recognizes 29 Years Of Service by City Solicitor

by Thomas X. White



**Robert Manzi**

At its regular meeting June 23, 2014, the Greenbelt City Council recognized Robert "Bob" Manzi, who was attending his last council meeting after 29 years as Greenbelt's city solicitor. Following that, council made two additional presentations relating to recent awards the city has received.

They then heard a citizen petition relating to the Northway Fields, introduced several ordinances relating to end-of-year for supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014, heard staff presentations on city programs and considered potential Maryland Municipal League (MML) 2015 legislative requests.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope were not present for the meeting and Mayor Pro tem Judith Davis presided.

### Presentations

Most of the city's administrative staff were on hand to join council in rendering farewell to Robert Manzi. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and members of council expressed their appreciation to Manzi for his outstanding service to the city, his wise legal counsel and his role in addressing significant challenges during his tenure.

John Shay, a member of the same Greenbelt law firm as Manzi – Brennan, Shay, McKenna and Manzi – will now be city solicitor.

styles, active transportation and access to affordable and nutritious food as part of the municipal workplace.

### Petition

Anne Dickerson, a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and a member of the ERHS Cross Country team, presented council with a petition from a number of residents asking council to consider locating refuse and recycling bins in the vicinity of the Northway Fields.

She told council that the ERHS Cross Country team often uses trails in the Forest Preserve for practice and that they carry refuse bags to pick up trash and recyclable materials left on the trails. She asked the city to locate convenient receptacles there to dispose of trash and recyclables found in the area.

Several attendees offered at once to sign her petition and she said she is continuing to collect signatures.

### Budget Adjustments

The city agenda included four separate proposed ordinances authorizing supplemental appropriations for the General Fund, Replacement Fund, Debt Service Fund and the Greenbelt West Fund. Such adjustments are a normal feature of the city's budget process when estimated total expenditures from these funds will be more than had been

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## Advisory Groups Present Playground Surface Info

by Valerie Young

Choosing between engineered wood fiber, shredded rubber mulch or poured-in-place surfacing for Greenbelt's playgrounds is a difficult decision for the city council. On June 18, council held another work session to hear from the committees tasked to make recommendations on the best option for playground surfaces. Council must consider Environmental Protection Agency studies, Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines, statistics and resident experiences to determine future surfacing materials for new or replacement playgrounds.

Currently the city has 35 playgrounds with 22 engineered wood fiber surfaces, nine rubber mulch surfaces and four poured-in-place surfaces. Engineered wood fiber is the lowest cost to install, followed by rubber mulch and then poured-in-place.

A resident complained about the safety of exposure to rubber mulch because it was made from recycled tires. After this complaint was filed regarding the use of rubber mulch at the Laurel Hill playground, council decided to do further analysis on playground surface materials.

During the work session three committees discussed their recommendations to council. According to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the following nine recommendations were made regarding the surfaces: (1) Plan for a variety and balance of playground surfaces that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards about city playgrounds. (2) Inform the public/consumers of playground choices on the city's website and create a brochure detailing playground surface type, apparatus and location. (3) Plan to remove and replace all loose rubber mulch playground surfaces on city playgrounds with surfaces that meet ADA standards. (4) Continue to assess each playground site for the best fit surfacing material. (5) Inspect the material safety data sheets to ensure avoidance of harmful exposure and petrochemicals. (6) Ensure playground surfacing is installed by reputable companies. (7) Select light-colored material for rubber surfaces to reduce heat absorption. (8) Increase raking and filling maintenance for engineered wood fiber

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## Astronomical Society Marks Observatory's Anniversary

by Tim Curtis

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt showed off the city's telescope and observatory as they welcomed guests at their open house June 26 at the Greenbelt City Observatory.

The observatory, located across from James N. Wolfe Field on Northway extended, opened in April 2009, and houses the city's 14" SCT telescope.

The Astronomical Society also demonstrated the capabilities of their integrating camera, which has exposure speeds of up to 1/6000 of a second, and a new mount the society received from nearby Goddard Space Flight Center.

Members of the society were particularly excited about the new mount, which has GPS and will allow for greater accuracy when

using the telescope.

The telescope was originally donated by Montgomery College in 2001 and became city property when the observatory was erected on city grounds after a long permitting process.

The cost of the construction and later society expenses were covered by a \$10,000 donation from Gil and Jaylee Mead, former Goddard astronomers and residents of Greenbelt.

Some of the society's major events are its biweekly Star Parties, where members and guests meet at the Observatory and watch the sky.

Martha Gay, 71, the secretary of the Astronomical Society, got into astronomy after Christmas

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### What Goes On

Sunday, July 6

1 to 3 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Greenbelt Community Center

Monday, July 7

8 p.m., Council Stakeholder Meeting with Greenway Center, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdm.gov](http://www.greenbeltdm.gov)

Wednesday, July 9

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Ancestral Knowledge, Greenbelt Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Kudos to Abell

Kudos to John Abell for drawing our attention to a vital issue right here in Greenbelt for persisting despite being shown to be insufficiently informed on some aspects of the issue.

I will speak up for number 5 of the city actions Abell is requesting, "use city resources to inform and educate the community to promulgate a higher level of knowledge of child pornography and therefore a higher level of safety for children."

Here are some steps one can take to reduce child pornography and related abuses right here in Greenbelt:

1. Learn as much as you can on the links between human trafficking, child prostitution and child pornography. Human trafficking is more local than most of us think.

2. Never refer to pornography using the more-benign sounding term, "porn."

3. Make it known that you understand that pornography, one of our biggest industries, cannot flourish without the sexual abuse of women, teens and children.

4. Explain to your 11+ year old exactly how human traffickers (often pimps and child pornography users) operate. Explain that they will offer love, guidance and support which soon transforms into ruthless control.

5. Maintain awareness of neighborhood predators who will sexualize and traumatize children.

*Bill Norwood*

## Thanks to All

I write to thank the residents of the City of Greenbelt and the 4th County Council District for their confidence and support for the June 24 Primary to allow me to represent them on the Prince George's County Council.

I was truly humbled to receive 65 percent of the approximately 10,000 votes cast in the Democratic Primary. Thank you for your confidence in me to be the Democratic nominee. We still have work to do as we head to the November 4 General Election but I am confident we will be successful. I take the results as an affirmation of the good work I have done over the past eight plus years on the Bowie City Council and with the county.

I congratulate my teammates in the 22nd Legislative District – Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonso Washington and Central Committee members Emmett Jordan and Nicole Williams for their victories. It was a true team effort.

Lastly I especially thank my wife Anita and daughters Rachel and Maya as well as my extended family, for their sacrifice of time with me over the past eight years of service on the Bowie council and the last year of campaigning. Only with their love and support has my service been possible!

*Todd M. Turner  
Democratic Nominee  
4th County Council District*



## Forest Preserve Is Not a Park

The previous week's letter by Willis gives the impression that Greenbelt's Forest Preserve is trashy, needs cleaning up and suffers from neglect because citizens have been discouraged from enjoying the Forest Preserve. His letter takes a constructive suggestion by an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student and attempts to use her suggestion to advocate opening the Forest Preserve up to more people-oriented uses more conducive to parks and recreation areas. The Forest Preserve is not a city park.

His comments also give the impression that the citizens of Greenbelt are careless and litter prone. Ninety-nine percent of the Forest Preserve is not litter strewn and laden with "destructive invasive species."

Greenbelt citizens understand the meaning of a forest preserve within the public domain. They are encouraged to appreciate it as a preserve. It is to be enjoyed as a natural eastern woodlands habitat with its many flora and fauna. As the Greenbelt City Code [Art. IX, Sec. 12-151] states, the "Forest Preserve shall be ... characterized as predominately undisturbed and wooded, which are to be protected and conserved in their existing natural state for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations, by restricting uses to those consistent with the goals of protection and conservation and by setting forth procedures for management and maintenance that are consistent with the goals of protection and conservation."

Council has scheduled a public worksession on July 9 where a proposal to use the Forest Preserve for incompatible activities will be considered. The public is invited to hear/share in this discussion on the future of our city's Forest Preserve.

*Robert Snyder*

## Gratitude for Work Session Article

In response to Diane Oberg's article "Council Session Focuses on Pornography Issue," I commend the author for her accurate representation of city council's response to the issue of arrests and convictions of anyone possessing child porn in our jurisdiction. I was at the worksession and also commend John Abell for submitting the petition to council and bringing to light the egregious nature of child porn and the need to inform the public of police action in response to allegations of its possession. To council's worksession, Mr. Abell brought three experts who know the facts of the harm wreaked by child porn and its related crime of human, particularly child, trafficking. Unfortunately, the testimony of these experts was not mentioned in the article, perhaps because council did not ask much of them nor relied on their expertise in their discussion. What a disappointment in both cases. The article and the worksession also focused on the red herring that arrests would automatically mean naming the suspect. However, the real point is that the police need to be held accountable for their actions by informing the public of all arrests. Suspect's names do not need to be revealed. What's important is that the public has a right to know that a particular crime has been committed. The article gave much weight to policy already in place by the police, the city and The News Review, but if the policies were truly already in the best interest of the public, the petition wouldn't have carried enough weight to cause council to have the work session in the first place. I wish the News Review had been thorough in reporting all that actually transpired. Reading between the

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## AWARD CEREMONY AND SHOW GREENBELT EAST

### Join the Greenbelt Community Foundation Sunday, July 13 at 2pm

in the Terrace Room of Greenbriar Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt.

Find out which two organizations are receiving grants to support activities that benefit the Greenbelt community and advance the vision of the city's founders.

GCF awards grants twice a year for projects in the arts, education, environmental preservation and community enhancement. GCF has awarded over \$121,000 since 2006, to a wide variety of community groups including alight dance theater, CHEARS, the Greenbelt Museum, the Lady Angels Basketball Association and the Springhill Lake PTA.

The Mabuhay Dancing Queens of Greenbelt will entertain the crowd and refreshments will be served.

For more information:  
visit [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net)  
or call 301-982-8993.

## Grin Belt



"May the Fourth be with you!"

## Computer Club Monthly Meeting

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Discussions cover computers and electronic devices. Everyone is welcome.

## Healthy Happy Hour at Co-op

This month's Healthy Happy Hour is scheduled July 9, 5 to 7 p.m. Sample "Cibo Naturals pestos" and a Piña Kale-ada Smoothie. Ellen and Kim will be available for meal planning consultations.

For more information, visit [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Tuesday, July 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. Books at Bedtime for ages up to 3. On Tuesday evenings during July, start a bedtime routine with the library. Sing-a-longs, stories and quiet play activities will be presented to encourage engagement between caregivers and children. Focus on age-appropriate social/emotional, communication and literacy skills. Presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program.

Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m. Kathy McMillan: Stories by Hand — Wonderful Weather Signs. Signing storyteller MacMillan presents interactive stories, songs and rhymes, while explaining basic American Sign Language vocabulary for whatever the weather will bring.

Thursday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime for ages 3 to 5. This weekly drop-in program includes engaging activities and stories interspersed with songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Limited to 20 people. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m., The Master Gardener Program presents Herbs to Grow and Cook. An easy way to garden, herbs are low maintenance and great to grow anywhere. Improve the look, smell and taste of salads, main dishes and desserts with herbs.

For details, visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or go to [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.



## GHI Notes

Friday, July 4, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday July 7, 7 p.m. – Pre Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday July 8, 8:30 a.m. – Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Thursday July 10, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204

[www.greenbelttv.org](http://www.greenbelttv.org)

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## Members Only

Canon Camera Class (\$\$)

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Saturday, July 26th from 10-2PM

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RSVP for a seat or time slot at:

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## War and Forgiveness Battle on Stage

In the summer of 1944, American forces liberated Rome from Nazi occupation. This July the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Seventh Street Playhouse present Eugenio – a Play about Forgiveness, in Roosevelt Center.

This fact-based, two-act drama has earlier been staged at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The National Press Club, The Dramatists Guild of America, The New York Midtown Festival and the Universal Theater.

The play, written by Anthony Ernest Gallo, is directed by Shirl and David Weaver. It deals with that tragic period in Italy during the Holocaust when fifteen hundred Jews were sent to their deaths at Auschwitz. The drama touches on the role of the Church and examines forgiveness amid three conversions, including Rome's aloof and scholarly Chief Rabbi Israel Zolli after the apparent slaughter of his Polish family.

The cast and crew in Greenbelt includes Steven Rosenthal, Bruce Smith, Shirl Weaver, James McDaniel, David Weaver, Bunty Ketcham, George Spencer, Beatrix Whitehall and Chris Weaver. Performances are on Friday, July 18; Saturday, July 19; Friday, July 25; Saturday, July 26, all at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 20 and Sunday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

For reservations and ticket information, call 301-441-8770. For questions about the play call 202-544-6973, email [aegallo2368@verizon.net](mailto:aegallo2368@verizon.net) or see website <http://eugenio.aegallo.com>.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

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## Artful Afternoon On Sunday, July 6

Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center will be this Sunday, July 6. All ages are welcome. Most activities are free. Times vary for individual activities.

From 1 to 3 p.m., participate in a free, all-ages blow painting workshop with instructor Ivy McCormick. Learn how to paint without a brush, creating delicate effects or adorable blob monsters, according to one's own taste. Supplies will be provided.

From 1 to 4 p.m., enjoy a variety of additional activities. See the new kid-friendly art gallery exhibit, Show Me a Story, featuring illustrations created by up-and-coming artists for picture books, games, films and more.

Also visit the Community Center studios of artists in residence at an open house and sale. Be inspired by their work in many styles and media, and find unique gifts. Don't miss the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit Greenbelt: The First 75 Years, which explores the city's history through an interactive timeline.

For more local history, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, across the street from the Community Center. Tours are available between 1 and 5 p.m. for a nominal fee.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## CARES Summer Tutoring Camp

Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring experience for students completing grades 1 through 5. Classes run from Wednesday, August 6 to August 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are split into groups (1st and 2nd graders together, 3rd and 4th too, and 5th graders by themselves). Classes in English grammar and writing skills are from 9 to 10 a.m., reading/literature from 10 to 11 a.m. and math from 11 a.m. to noon. Children in grades 8 through 12 may assist as tutors and earn community service credit hours.

The program is coordinated and supervised by Judith S. Hering, M.S., Vocational/Educational Counselor for Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau. High school student service-learning interns provide additional help.

There is a cost for the program which covers instructional materials. For more information call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email [jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov).

## Foundation to Hold Awards Ceremony

The Greenbelt Community Foundation will announce its summer grant recipients on Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Room of Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. This event is free and open to the public, and will include the Mabuhay Dancing Queens of Greenbelt, as well as light refreshments. For details go to [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net) or call 301-982-8993.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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## WEEK OF JULY 4

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## Utopia Film Festival Presents

Sunday, July 6th & Wednesday, July 9th

Beginning at 8 PM

"A Quest for Peace," "Cardboard,"  
"Little House of the Big City," and  
"Sosúa: Make a Better World"

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)  
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

## Greenbelt Arts Center STARTING THIS WEEK



**July 3, 5, 11, 12 at 8:00pm, July 6 at 2:00 pm  
July 13 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm**

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission,  
\$14 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Child (12& under)

Eugenio – July 18-27 – guest production  
from Seventh Street Playhouse  
Auditions – Death by Design – August 26 & 27

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SOON





Congratulations to Charles (Chip) Luckett, who was ordained a Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal Donald Wuerl on Saturday, June 21, in a beautiful ceremony at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Father Chip said his first Mass as a priest the next day, the feast of Corpus Christi, at his home parish, St. Hugh of Grenoble. A reception was held in Grenoble Hall following the Mass, attended by many parishioners and friends made during Chip's residence in Greenbelt while a college student, his time in the parish while a theological student at Catholic University and his period of service as a deacon at Holy Redeemer parish in College Park.

Father Chip's first assignment will be as an assistant at historic St. Mary's Church in Rockville. Coincidentally, the current pastor of St. Mary's is Msgr. Robert Amey, who himself served many years at St. Hugh's as a young priest.

Three cheers to Greenbelt's Junior Babe Ruth baseball team for winning the Prince George's County championship game at Braden field on Tuesday, July 1. Greenbelt defeated Lanham Raiders 17 to 11 in seven innings.

#### Graduations:

— News Review staffer and former councilmember Tom White and his wife Helen have been traveling the country, attending graduations of nieces, nephews and cousins as well as those of their own grandchildren. Congratulations to their granddaughter Jessica Sandoval, daughter of Penny and Marco Sandoval, on receiving her degree in geographic information systems from Sacramento State College. Her brother Miguel graduated from 8th grade at John Adams Academy. Congratulations also to Morgana D'Ottazi, daughter of Chris (White) and husband Marco. Morgana graduated from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring and will attend Tulane University in the fall.

— Abigail Bradshaw Bates received an EDS degree from the College of William & Mary. After graduating from Mary Washington University with a degree in education, Abby obtained a Master of Education degree in a two-year program at William & Mary. The EDS degree certifies that she is fully accredited as a school counselor and psychologist. Abby, who is bilingual, will be working as a school psychologist for the Fairfax County schools. Her parents Richard and Dorrie Bates and grandfather Jim Bates are very proud of her accomplishments.

— Laura Maclay, granddaughter of Harris and Jean Maclay of Eastway, graduated from Langley High School in a ceremony held at Constitution Hall. Laura, a member of the National Honor Society and the select treble



PHOTO BY LOIS GORMAN

Father Charles Luckett says his first Mass at St. Hugh's

choir, will be attending Wellesley College in the fall. Neighbors of the Maclays will remember Laura helping in environmental projects at Greenbelt Lake with her granddad on some of her many visits to Greenbelt.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 7 through 11 are as follows:

Monday – Apple juice, hamburger, tater tots, hot spiced fruit, coleslaw.

Tuesday – Cranberry juice, vegetable soup, sliced turkey breast, macaroni salad, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, sliced roast beef, ham and cheddar cheese, coleslaw, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, barbecue rib patty, German potato salad, summer mixed vegetables, fresh fruit.

Friday – All sites closed – County-wide training.

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcmmunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcmmunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor



"We cannot segregate the human heart from the environment outside us and say that once one of these is reformed everything will be improved. Man is organic with the world. His inner life moulds the environment and is itself also deeply affected by it." - Baha'i Writings

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)



## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
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## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Aug. 18-22



## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573



6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Sun 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Child Care Available)

Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)

Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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July 6, 10 a.m.

Personal Sources

Service Leader Carol Boston

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(301) 474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)



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# City Information

## JULY FOURTH FANFARE



Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park!

- Bring a picnic • Walk the lake trail • Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm • Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS! approximately 9:00pm

Please be sure to observe all posted parking regulations. Alcohol and fireworks (including sparklers) are NOT permitted in the park. In case of inclement weather, call the Weather and Information Hotline for information about schedule adjustments: 301-474-0646.

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME...THEY ARE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO THE SOUND OF FIREWORKS!**

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7-11

Monday, July 7 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with **GREENWAY (stakeholder)** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

Wednesday, July 9 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with **Ancestral Knowledge**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee, Park and Recreation Advisory Board. For information call 301-474-8000.

## Recreational Facility Hours for the Fourth of July

The Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center hours on July 4th are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

GAFC hours on July 4th are - outdoor pool is 10 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Indoor pool and fitness wing are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center hours on July 4th noon to 4:00 pm

## AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON Sunday, July 6

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

1-3pm: Free blow-painting workshop - all ages  
1-4pm: Artists in Residence studio open house and sale  
Visit the art gallery, Greenbelt Museum exhibit and historic house (1-5pm).  
301-397-2208

## HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

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## GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMP PERFORMANCES

### CAMP ENCORE 2014 presents LOTSA LAZZI!

Thursday, July 10 at 4pm at Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway - FREE - Tickets Required

Directed by Kate Magill Robinson

Contact [snoaman@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:snoaman@greenbeltdmd.gov) to reserve free ticket.

A rollicking series of scenes, some scripted and some improvised, all showcasing the slapstick comedy and stock characters that have kept audiences laughing from the time of Shakespeare up to I Love Lucy and Saturday Night Live.

### CREATIVE KIDS CAMP 2014 presents

#### MESSAGE TO TOMORROW

Friday, July 11 at 10am and 2:15pm

Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway

FREE - Tickets Required.

Contact [snoaman@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:snoaman@greenbeltdmd.gov) to reserve free ticket.

Directed by Chris Cherry

Enjoy this new Chris Cherry play where Modern-day grandparenting meets 1930's science fiction, when a savvy Greenbelt grandma sends her materialistic grandkids on a Flash Gordon-style adventure to the moons of Jupiter!

### CIRCUS CAMP 2014 - SESSION 2 PERFORMANCES

Friday, July 11 at 1pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road-FREE - Directed by Greg May

Campers demonstrate their prowess at juggling, stilt-walking, unicycling, balance boards, rolling globe, tightrope balancing, partner acrobatics, clown gags, and single-point and fabric trapeze.

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#### WANTED: WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS!

The City of Greenbelt will be compiling Welcome Packets for new residents at the end of July. Local businesses, groups, organizations are encouraged to provide materials to include in these packets. Flyers, coupons, promotional items, etc. Please provide 300 of what you would like to include to the city office, attention Beverly Palau, at 25 Crescent Road by Thursday, July 24th. Please try to avoid dated materials, as the packets will be distributed over the course of several months. If you have any questions, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltdmd.gov) or at 240-542-2026.



## MISSION 20/20 REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 14. CALL 301-345-6660

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program in partnership with the VSP Mobile Eyes Vision Bus and the Maryland Optometric Association will bring Mission 20/20 back to Greenbelt August 11-14, 2014 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. VSP will provide free eye examinations and free glasses to adults and children who do not have vision insurance coverage. You must present proof of Maryland residency and have a social security card to participate. This will be the last time for several years that the bus will be in our city. Most recipients will receive their glasses on the day of the exam but if you have a more complex prescription or bi-focal lenses your glasses will be mailed back to the GAIL Program office and you will be notified when to pick them up.

## PLAYGROUNDS cont. from page 1

to ensure proper safety depths and removal of foreign materials and objects. (9) Keep current on the latest research and revisit the playground surface issue as new information is available. Lola Skolnik from PRAB attended to discuss these findings.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) first choice for surfacing is engineered wood fiber, poured-in-place is the second choice. However, PSAC did have two concerns regarding poured-in-place surfaces: heat injuries and chemical outgassing from rubber components. PSAC did not recommend rubber mulch because this surface was not ADA-compliant. PSAC recommended that any playground with rubber mulch surface be replaced with an ADA compliant surface as soon as feasibly possible. Laura Kressler from PSAC discussed the finding with council.

The Youth Advisory Committee recommended the engineered wood fiber or poured-in-place where appropriate, such as shaded playground areas. According to the committee, engineered wood fiber is cheaper and "falls in line with the city's rich history as a natural oasis."

Susan Stewart, a Greenbelt resident, was irate about the use of rubber mulch surfacing at a playground near her house. She poured samples of rubber mulch on the table in front of several city councilmembers. Stewart complained about the smell of the rubber mulch, the choking hazard and the toxicity. She then proceeded to show pictures where she had tested the temperatures,

the day before, of engineered wood fiber, asphalt, poured-in-place and grass surfaces. Stewart's temperature reading showed wood fiber was 119°, asphalt on the street was 127°, grass was 86°, dirt was 97° and poured-in-place was 156°. "Poured-in-place sucks. The reason it gets hotter than asphalt is that as this stuff breaks down chemically it releases heat, which makes it break down faster, which makes it even hotter: it's actually generating heat," alleged Stewart.

Ultimately, council discussed a few other important aspects that they will take into consideration in selecting the safest playground surfaces for Greenbelt residents. Mayor Emmett Jordan brought up the fact that there is not enough reliable information on how many children get injured on the different types of playground surfaces. Council also discussed considering the surface replacement cost for playgrounds and if there are fees that will have to be paid by homeowner associations to help fund these costs.

An inventory of Greenbelt's playgrounds was suggested to check for damage, trip hazards and overall condition of the playgrounds. Council will also look at mixed-use surfaces, using a variety of surfaces, and will examine each playground independently to determine the best surfacing for that location.

Cost estimates to update the playground annual inventory, maintenance and to replace rubber mulch surfaces will be discussed at the Capitol Projects work session scheduled for the end of July.

## Festival Recycling Training Session

GreenACES is seeking volunteers for the Labor Day Festival to help people recycle the recyclables and trash the trash and encourage recycling in some fun ways. Ideas welcome. Volunteers will wear a green turtle or frog pendant and possibly other green attire.

Training will be provided at the Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Road, on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. Plans are to create a training video for those who want to volunteer. For those who wish to have their child in the video, a parental consent form, which can be emailed in advance, will need to be signed. Community service hours will be available for students or other volunteers. Both students and adults are encouraged to volunteer.

A second training session is planned for August.

For details contact Luisa Robles, Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator, at 240-542-2153 or lrobles@greenbeltdmd.gov; or Jane/John, Green ACES/Labor Day Festival Committee, at gjcjane@aol.com or 301-507-6765.

### Amber Waves of Grain

Take a free tour at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Thursday, July 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. through the wonderful world of wheat. Learn about how humans have utilized this crop and how a billion people were saved from starvation in the 20th century.

This tour is held outdoors and will be cancelled for rain or extreme heat. Preregistration is required at [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).

## FIREWORKS continued from page 1

### No Alcohol/Fireworks

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in all city-owned parks and violators will be subject to arrest.

All pets must be on a leash, although it is strongly recommended that pets be left at home. In the past, dogs, frightened by the fireworks, have panicked, bitten people and even run away.

The guidelines note that fireworks are deadly, dangerous and illegal. All forms, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Those found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest with penalties including fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may have their packages inspected.

### Restricted Parking

The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

Those parking adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue should make sure the car is completely off the

roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

### Traffic Regulations

When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. I-95 traffic will be directed onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area can take Greenbelt Road.

If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should last no longer than from about 9:45 to 10:30 p.m.

For safety reasons registered boaters on the lake will need to remain behind the temporary buoys that will be in place. Boats not registered with the city will not be allowed on the lake.

### Calls for Information

Residents are asked not to call the police dispatcher to inquire "What time are the fireworks?" or the effect any inclement weather might have. Police telephone lines must be kept open for those with emergencies or for other police-related concerns. Those needing additional information for any recreational event should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-474-0646.

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### Sleep Center

8100 Good Luck Road  
North Building, 6th Floor  
Lanham, Maryland 20706

[DCHsleep.org](http://DCHsleep.org)

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, July 4 the Café will be closing at 3 p.m. Have a Happy 4th of July. Saturday July 5, Bruce Kritt will be playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays the piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Djesben offers up jazz, bebop, bossa nova and original tunes influenced by music from around the globe from 8 to 11 p.m. This event will be a fundraiser for the Greenbelt Rhythm and Drum Festival.

Join the Deaf Brunch on Sunday, July 6 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Caroline Ferrante - an Americana, Roots/Blues singer songwriter - offers passionate vocals and a signature twelve-string guitar sound with The Whole Maggilla



## Stroke Support Given At Hospital Site

Doctors Community Hospital will hold its monthly stroke education meeting on Wednesday, July 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Professional Office Building First Floor Conference Room, 8116 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

At this free session a team of professionals will teach stroke survivors and caregivers how to manage the physical and emotional challenges caused by strokes. Participants may share experiences and offer comfort and empowerment to others. To register call 301-324-4968.

## Time to Nominate City's Outstanding Citizen for 2014

by Barbara Havekost

Each year as part of the Labor Day Festival, one Greenbelt citizen is selected to be honored as the city's outstanding citizen. Who will receive the accolades of the many Greenbelters in attendance?

The Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee is soliciting nominations for a special person – someone who represents the values which Greenbelt has championed for more than 75 years. Now is the time to let your nomination choice be known, either by using the nomination form appearing on this page to the right or simply by writing a letter telling all that you know about your choice. Submit your nomination no later than July 28 to Committee Chair Robert Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or email it to [rczugby@aol.com](mailto:rczugby@aol.com).

What qualifications does the committee look for in making its selection? The 2014 Outstanding Citizen must be a Greenbelt resident whose actions have demonstrated a genuine interest in making our community a better place in which to live. The committee's choice will be a person who has contributed to the community through volunteer efforts. It could be a person who has been involved in so many activities that the person's name is known throughout the community.

Or the person selected could be someone whose contributions have been done in such a quiet, unassuming manner as to be relatively unknown. The committee makes its selection on the basis of importance and lasting impact of the contributions made by the nominee.

Greenbelt is blessed with many organizations striving to enhance our community. Surely among these are individuals whose contributions are so meaningful they deserve to be recognized. The name of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2014 will be announced at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival on Friday evening, August 29. The person selected will receive prizes from local merchants and will serve as Grand Marshal of the Labor Day parade on Monday, September 1.

Please don't let this opportunity pass to honor someone you feel is special and who has helped make Greenbelt such a great place to live. Put your thoughts in writing to the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee, listing all the activities in which this person has been involved. Only one person will be selected, but every nomination is an honor. Show your appreciation to some special person by nominating him or her to be this year's Outstanding Citizen.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

**Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen — 42nd Year**

Submit this form by July 28, 2014 to: Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen Committee  
94 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 28th deadline.

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Kunzler Virginia Baked Ham \$6.29 lb.	Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf \$1.99	Kind Fruit & Nut Bars Assorted 1.4 oz. \$1.79	Finesse Assorted Shampoo or Conditioner 10-17.3 oz. \$2.50	Yuengling Beer \$5.89 6 pk.-12 oz. cans
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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Unattended Child

June 25, 3:43 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 28-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested when she returned home and was charged with leaving children unattended. Officers had responded to a 911 call and discovered three children ages 9, 4 and 3 unattended in the home. She was released on citation pending trial.

## DWI/DUI

June 19, 10:04 p.m., Breeze-wood Drive at Springhill Lane. A 23-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses and other traffic related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

June 22, 2:57 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway. A 34-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses and other charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Theft

June 25, 4 p.m., 6500 block Ivy Lane. A purse was removed from under a desk in an office suite.

## Burglary

June 22, 9:30 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Two duffel bags containing cash and various clothing items were taken after breaking the front door lock.

June 23, 9:49 a.m., 6301 Ivy Lane. Several tablet-style computers and iPads were taken from a business.

June 23, 2:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Someone tried to enter the home by removing a window screen and breaking out a bedroom window. Entry was not gained.

## Automotive Crime

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2009 Dodge Challenger reported stolen to the Baltimore City police was recovered in the 6200 block Springhill Drive with no arrests made. After police and Prince George's County firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 9200 block Edmonston Road, and the fire was extinguished, investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 2007 Acura MDX, had been stolen from the 9300 block Edmonston Road. No arrests were made.

Two thefts of purses from cars occurred on different days at a gas station in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. When one woman went inside to pay for fuel, someone took her purse from the front passenger seat. Another woman's purse was taken from the front passenger seat while she was pumping gas and the car was unlocked.

On June 19 the windows of seven cars were broken. Three involved thefts from vehicles, on Frankfort Drive at Greenbelt Road (wallet), 7600 block Mandan Road (gym bag) and 7500 block Mandan Road (two tablet-style computers). Four attempted thefts, where nothing was taken, occurred in the 7800 block Mandan Road, Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway, 9100 block Edmonston Road and 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Other thefts occurred in the 6400 block Capitol Drive (motorcycle speaker cover), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (wrapped gifts and a stock spoiler), 6700 block Springshire Way (Garmin GPS), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (wallet) and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (rear motorcycle tag Md. D22081).

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approved. The supplemental appropriation adjusts these new figures to match the anticipated changes in expenditures. These end of year adjustments, made by ordinance as required by the City Charter, require a first and second reading for adoption.

As it happened, with only five members of council present for the regular meeting on June 23, staff requested that the four supplementals be introduced for this meeting, and that the second reading and adoption take place at a subsequent meeting when all members of council were in attendance. Since no more regular meetings were scheduled in June, adoption of the supplemental appropriations needed to take place at a special meeting prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Thus, with the five members present, Councilmember Edward Putens introduced a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund of \$650,000. The reasons for these extra funds were for police vehicle purchases, leave payouts for retiring employees, winter storms expenses, street tree inventory and legal expenses relating to collective bargaining.

Councilmember Leta Mach introduced a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund in the amount of \$60,000. These extra funds are needed to purchase a cargo type van and an electric pick-up truck, as well as an unanticipated purchase of automated external defibrillator units for the Police Department.

Councilmember Konrad Herring introduced a Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,100,000 in the City Debt Service Fund. This appropriation was needed to cover the refinancing of the city's unfunded liability in two of its retirement/pension programs. The appropriation reflects the payout of money borrowed to pay the liability to the State of Maryland.

Putens then introduced a Supplemental Appropriation in the Greenbelt West Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to cover the city's legal expenses related to establishment of a tax increment financing (TIF) arrangement applicable to the development of the public facilities at Greenbelt Station South Core. Such expenses have been and will be reimbursed to the city by the increased property tax generated by development of the South Core. Final action on these four ordinances was later scheduled for June 30.

## Staff Presentations

Jim Sterling, assistant public works director, presented an outline summarizing the near complete submission for the city's application for Sustainable Maryland Certification (SMC). It was indicated that no state funding was associated with the application, but a further certification of Greenbelt's ongoing efforts in achieving sustainability.

Sterling used a slide presentation to depict what is contained in the application. He noted the participation in this effort by members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES). He also said this submission represents the first phase of the certification process, and mainly provides a history and current status of the variety of programs Greenbelt already has to further sustainability. There are likely more things that the city can do,



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

**A photo within a photo:** Retiring City Solicitor Robert Manzi, surrounded by Greenbelt City Councilmembers and staff, holds a framed photograph of himself standing in the same place before the council podium surrounded by the same people taken at an earlier date. The photo was presented to him at his last attendance at a council meeting as city solicitor on June 23. Manzi retired after holding the position for 29 years. When first appointed by former City Manager James Giese, some eyebrows were raised because Manzi had appeared before the city council previously and already had a successful law practice representing property owners seeking to undertake major development with the city and county, sometimes in opposition to city wishes. For the city, Manzi brought expertise and knowledge of the working process for planning and zoning approvals by the Prince George's County government. For Manzi, he had the opportunity to broaden his legal skills and become a specialist in municipal law, a field he found to be more varied and challenging. The partnership proved successful, with Manzi working for three city managers, five mayors and 15 terms of the city council. A dinner in his honor was previously held and was well attended by members of the city council, city staff and law associates of Manzi.

From left City Clerk Cindy Murray, Councilmembers Konrad Herring, Leta Mach and Edward Putens, Robert Manzi, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Councilmember Judith Davis, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau.

he added.

The presentation outlined the three components of sustainability:

- The natural environment or natural resources of the community;
- The social connectedness among people in the community, including education, skills and health of the population; and
- The economic and financial prosperity of the community.

When these three components come together, he said, sustainable solutions result. The benefits of sustainability are three-fold, positively impacting the environment, the economy and society.

The presentation also listed about 55 actions completed in Year 1 (2014) included in the application. Most have been ongoing for several years but some projects are relatively new.

The actions are in eight areas: community action, community-based food systems, energy, greenhouse gas, health and wellness, local economies, natural resources, and planning and land use. Additional proposed Action Plan items are listed for Year 2 (2015) and Year 3 (2016).

Councilmember Rodney Roberts commented that, in his view, the State of Maryland is not itself practicing sustainability when its policies result in the loss of woodlands and wetlands.

Councilmember Leta Mach then suggested that council consider informing Greenbelt groups about the sustainability plan when meeting with them at stakeholder sessions.

More information on the SMC program can be found at [www.sustainablemaryland.com](http://www.sustainablemaryland.com)

## Alert System

David Moran, assistant city manager, updated council on changes made to the emergency

alert/mass notification system (Greenbelt Alert) used by Greenbelt since 2005. The Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) has selected a new vendor for the system, Everbridge, he said, and a new notification system will be installed as of July 1, 2014.

Greenbelt has utilized the system to send emails and text messages to about 900 citizens who have registered for Greenbelt Alert. According to Moran's report, the new system will utilize existing telephone listings for Greenbelt residents and broaden the number of residents served by the system either by cell phone or land line.

Features of the new systems capability include:

- Database of residential and business phone numbers which can receive a recorded alert
- A mobile app so alerts can easily be sent from smart phones
- Compatibility with the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) and the Integrated Public Alert & Warning (IPAWS) systems which transmit critical alerts to all cell phone users in a given area.

• Response/polling capabilities so recipients can confirm receipt or provide feedback.

• Geographic targeting (i.e., the city could send a message to a particular neighborhood)

• Conference calling capability where users could be invited to join a call.

The system was used in mid-March to notify residents that the city was closed due to the snow emergency, Moran reported. He also said that the evolution of the new system will likely require evaluation of the growing number of city-operated notification systems and how they should be utilized.

# Dress for Safety Wear White At Night

## Agatha Christie's Verdict Opens at GAC

In Verdict, Agatha Christie exchanges her standard whodunit murder mystery for a more captivating whodunit after the audience witnesses an on-stage murder.

Thunderous Productions presents Agatha Christie's Verdict at the Greenbelt Arts Center the next two weekends. This ensemble cast is led by Bob Kleinberg as Karl Hendryk, Hillary Glass as Lisa Koletsky and Devonna Burrowes as Helen Roper. The play's director, Rick Starkweather, has directed a number of Christie's plays in the past including And Then There Were None and The Unexpected Guest.

Although new to Boston, Professor Karl Hendryk is surrounded by adoring women, much to the chagrin of his wife Anya, who suffers from a painful and debilitating disease. When Anya is murdered, love, rumors and an overdose of jealousy muddy the investigative waters surrounding her death.

Starkweather made the decision to set Verdict in Boston in the 1960s rather than Christie's England in the 50s. In this production, as in the original, the catalyst for the family's move is persecution in their oppressive homeland (which is widely accepted, but never stated, as Germany). This gives the production a catchy, foot-tapping soundtrack, but it makes the play's commentary about xenophobia even more relevant to a modern American audience.

The play opens Thursday, July 3 at 8 p.m. and runs July 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., July 6 at 2 p.m. and July 13 at 2 and 8 p.m.

Thunderous Productions is an independent 501(c)(3) theater production company located in Maryland. Tickets are available at the box office or online at [www.thunderousproductions.org](http://www.thunderousproductions.org)

### Council Tidbits

At the meeting on June 23, council approved the purchase of a Ford Fusion Hybrid S at a cost of \$24,577.20 to replace a 10-year-old vehicle used for parking enforcement.

Council also renewed the city's agreement to participate in the county's administration of the federal Community Development Block Grant Programs (CDBG) for another three-year term. Absent this agreement, the city would have to independently seek CDBG funds from the state. Staff expects the city to fare better by joining the agreement with Prince George's County.

The last item of business was the annual request from the Maryland Municipal League for Greenbelt's suggestions for legislative priorities for the 2015 Maryland legislative session.

Staff recommended that council limit its requests to two issues. Mayor Protem Davis indicated that Mayor Jordan had suggested a legislative issue that would clarify/allow municipalities to set varying tax rates for different classes of property; for example, residential, rental properties, commercial or office buildings.

Putens suggested consideration of legislation that would clarify the varying approval requirements (at point of sale) for credit, debit or other cash cards.

Both proposals were agreed to by council.

## Tennis Association Hosts Scholarship Tournament

by Theresa Henderson

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) hosted a singles tennis tournament on May 31 and June 1 at the Braden Field tennis courts to benefit a scholarship fund in memory of a Revolutionary War hero, Peter Francisco.

The GTA Summer Doubles Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13. Visit [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis) for details.

Peter Francisco was left abandoned at five years of age on the banks of the James River in City Point (now Hopewell), Virginia. He survived to become a private soldier during the American Revolutionary War, serving in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Stony Point, Mifflin Island,

Cowpens, Camden and Guilford Courthouse. Francisco then grew to fame in Virginia for his acts of valor on the battlefield, saving the life of his commanding officer, Colonel Mayo, and suffering wounds that he would carry with him for the remainder of his life.

To preserve American history and the legacy of Peter Francisco, the Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco has created a memorial scholarship in his name to help a deserving student obtain higher education.

At the benefit tournament, champions and finalists of the Open A and Open B draws received TennisTopia gift cards and balls. The Open C draw had only two participants who played for balls.



Open A Finalist Orlando Delgado (left) and Champion Charlie Murphy 6-0, 6-0 (right) pose with GTA vice president and member of the Society of the Descendants of Peter Francisco, Libby McCleod.



Open B Finalist Paul Cochiarro (left) shakes hands with the Champion Danny Weaver 6-3, 6-4 (right).

### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

#### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

#### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certifications: 27 & 49 Courts Ridge Road
- Member Request for Invasive Plant Control/Disclosure at Resale
- Review RFP for Hiring an Investment Advisory Consultant
- Review Draft Letter to Senator Mikulski Re: Proposed Legislation Affecting Housing Cooperatives
- Review Task Force Recommendations Re: Definition of Unit Occupancy and Penalty for Unauthorized Unit Rental
- Logo to be Used for Home Improvement Program Communications

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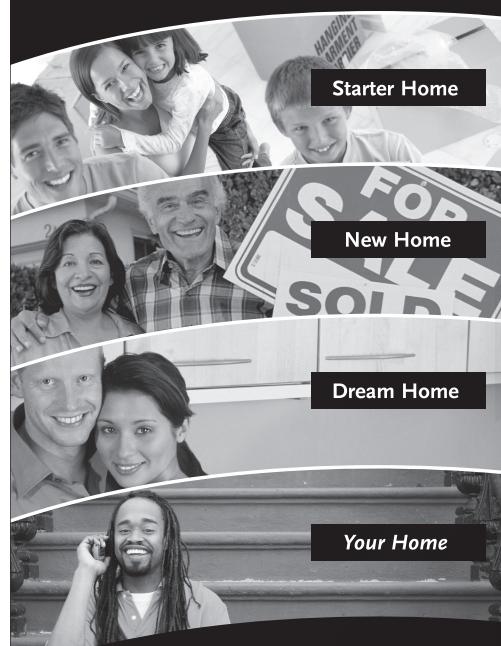
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Your Greenbelt Specialists In Roosevelt Center



**Thunder (Blue Team City Champs).** Back row left to right: Head Coach Andy Bender, Assistants Nick Moore and T.A. Leach. Front row left to right: Kaleb Moore, A.J. Bender, Nate Gehrman, Malik Myles, Cynthia Quinton, Ava Howard, Markele Thompson, Lincoln Beasley, T.A. Leach and Damien Thomas.

## Four-Team Minor League Battles Through Season

by Matt Elliott

Greenbelt Baseball's Minor League completed its 2014 season with its championship game on June 20. The league is made up of 7- and 8-year old players. Pitches are delivered by a pitching machine. This year the league had four teams. Thunder, defending champions, returned with manager Andy Bender. Greg Leach took over as the manager of the Muckdogs, last year's playoff runner-up. The Sand Gnats were managed by Luis Arias for the second year. A new team, the Grasshoppers, was managed by Matt Elliott.

At the start of the regular season the Thunder were dominant, winning several early games by double digits. While they improved their play through the season, the other teams were improving even more and narrowed the gap. The Sand Gnats posted a winning regular season record, finishing second. The Muckdogs had some tough luck early in the season, finishing in third place. With all new players, the Grasshoppers won the fewest games, but improved more than any

other team and took fourth place.

In the first playoff game, on June 16, the Muckdogs upset the Sand Gnats 7-2.

In the second playoff game, on June 18, the improved Grasshoppers twice took the lead early on but the Thunder later took control and prevailed 11-5.

In the championship game on June 20, Thunder struck first, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning and five in the third for an 8-0 lead. The Muckdogs pushed across two runs and had more runners on base, but lost 9-2, making the Thunder back-to-back champions.

On June 22, in an "All play" fun game players from all teams were mixed together and awards were distributed. The league's Most Valuable Player was A.J. Bender of the Thunder, the Offensive Player of the Year was Diego Velesquez of the Sand Gnats, Defensive Player of the Year was Ethan Leach of the Muckdogs and the Grasshoppers' Jordan Harrison was Rookie of the Year.



**Muckdogs (Red Team Runners up).** Back row left to right: Assistant Charlie Kendall, Head Coach Greg Leach, Assistant Mike Montas. Middle row left to right: Shaun Montas, Serena Moreland, Ethan Leach, Michael Osuji. Front row left to right: Damion Brockington, Dermot Kelly, Sean Kendall, Robinson Ohm.

## Letters

lines of the article while knowing the full scope of the worksession reveals how seriously, or not seriously, these concerns are being taken. Still, the fact that the News Review published on this issue at all is a good first move and for that I'm very grateful.

C. Jenise Williamson

### The Long and Winding Road

Beaver Dam Road is much frequented by cyclists. Shady on a summer day, one could almost imagine being in an idyllic two-wheel paradise. Alas, however, it is a dangerous menace. That natural enemy of the cyclist – the automobile – prowls along it as a short cut and, even worse, those Monte Carlo bends bring out the inner stunt driver. Combine this with the short sight-distance resulting from twists and turns, the abysmal condition of the asphalt, the one-lane bridge and the abrupt transition into a dark tunnel pockmarked with potholes – and it is an accident waiting to happen.

Beaver Dam Road should be closed at least from Kenilworth Avenue to Soil Conservation Road to all but local traffic and farm vehicles. It's hardly a problem for the internal combustion engine to go the extra mile resulting from using Powder Mill instead – and a dead or maimed cyclist is a high price to pay for cutting off a corner.

The handful of dwellings along the road can be reached easily from either Kenilworth or Research Road and barriers can be installed that allow farm vehicles to pass.

BARC is under no requirement to offer this route – and could do us all a favor by boosting the amount of traffic-limited cycling in the area. In fact, the road was closed for several months a few years ago when a bridge was replaced and the closure caused nary a ripple in the Force.

For BARC, the fewer vehicles using the road, the less likely big potholes are to develop on what is clearly a former cart track cursorily made drivable. This will save maintenance costs for years to come.

For cyclists, the illusion of rural simplicity will achieve some reality. And we'll happily never have to know whose life was saved.

Catherine Meetre

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## MML Elects Emmett Jordan To Board of Directors 2014-15

The Maryland Municipal League (MML), which represents and advocates for 157 Maryland municipal governments, recently elected Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan to its 2014-15 Board of Directors. Jordan was sworn in by Maryland Senate President Mike Miller during a ceremony at the 2014 MML annual convention at the Ocean City Convention Center from June 8 to 11.

"We are pleased to welcome Jordan to our Board of Directors and look forward to a productive year supporting the needs and interests of our member cities and towns," said Scott A. Hancock, MML executive director.



**Mayor Emmett Jordan**

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PHOTOS BY TIM CURTIS

**Visitors to the Astronomical Society open house watch a presentation on light pollution at the Observatory.**

in 2000 when a friend gave her a telescope.

"I was hooked. It was all over," she said about the first time she looked through her telescope.

She sought out the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt and she attended her first Star Party in September, 2001.

One of the society's goals is to help Greenbelt residents learn more about astronomy.

The members will help people get information on how to get started, select a telescope and set that telescope up for the first time.

Alessandro Restelli just moved to Greenbelt and attended the open house because he saw the

observatory while biking.

Restelli, 37, is looking forward to more meetings and helping out as he gets more involved.

"There are not a lot of structures like these," he said. "This is a community observatory."

The Greenbelt Astronomical Society will hold its next Star Party July 5 around dusk at Northway Fields.

Information about the society can be found on their website, greenbeltastro.org, and prospective members are encouraged to contact officers for more information.

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**The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt welcomes guests at their open house at the city's Observatory on June 26.**

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